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SUMMARY: WE PROVIDE BELOW MISSION AND USDELMC COMMENTS ON
"US INPUTS TO NATO LOGISTICS TASK FORCE-9", DATED 11 JAN-
UARY 1978, AND DELIVERED ON 16 JANUARY 1978, ALONG WITH A
RESPONSE TO REF A REQUEST FOR MISSION VIEWS ON PRIORITIES
AND COSTING WITHIN THE TF-9 PROGRAM. ACTION REQUESTED:
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CONCURRENCE IN COMMENTS LISTED BELOW PRIOR TO RELEASING US
INPUTS TO NATO WITH APPROPRIATE ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE "US INPUTS TO NATO LOGISTICS
TASK FORCE-9" ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FOCUS OF US PAPER IS ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE CENTRAL REGION WHILE OVERLOOKING THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN REGIONS, WHICH HAVE A MUCH WEAKER LOGISTICS POSTURE. THE THRUST OF THE LTDP SHOULD BE NATO-WIDE.

- B. REF B INDICATES THAT TASK FORCE DIRECTORS SHOULD RANK IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ALL OF THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION. ALTHOUGH US INPUT INDICATES HIGH AND MEDIUM PRIORITIES FOR THESE PROGRAMS, IT IS PROBABLY NECESSARY TO RANK ORDER EACH PROGRAM.

- C. RATIONALE FOR FUNDING OF THE PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE TYPE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED AND FORMULAS FOR ALLOCATION IS NOT CLEAR. AS AN EXAMPLE, LINES OF COMMUNICATION (LOC) AGREEMENTS ARE COSTED AT \$100 MILLION. WE DO NOT DETECT A NEED FOR FUNDING OF "AGREEMENTS" AND ARE NOT SURE THAT THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WOULD HAVE IDENTIFIABLE FUNDING. PROVISION OF COMPUTATION DATA FOR ALL COSTING WOULD BE HELPFUL. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON PROVIDING THE BASIS FOR COST DATA CALCULATIONS FOR THE ESTIMATES CITED IN PARAGRAPH 1.D., REF C.

- D. THE US INPUT, IN OUR VIEW, DOES NOT PROPERLY RECOGNIZE OR PORTRAY THE ROLE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC), SENIOR NATO LOGISTICIANS CONFERENCE (SNLC), SACEUR, AND MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS/
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PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS (MSC/PSC). WE HAVE PROVIDED SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO US PROGRAM DIRECTOR BY SEPARATE MEANS.

2. REF A REQUESTS MISSION VIEWS ON LOWERING THE PRIORITY OF THE THIRD KEY PROGRAM EMPHASIS FOR TF-9, PHASED ATTAINMENT OF STOCKS TO THE LEVEL OF NATO AGREEMENTS, BUT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD SUBSUME THE QUESTION OF 30-DAY LEVEL AS A PREREQUISITE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO STOCKPILE. ALTHOUGH THE PHASED ATTAINMENT OF STOCKS TO A 30-DAY LEVEL IS A PROGRAM AGREED TO BY THE NATIONS, AND IS PARTIALLY COVERED IN THE SHORT TERM MEASURES, IT STILL REMAINS THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT IN THE MUNITIONS AREA. SEVERAL KEY NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UK AND FRG, HAVE INDICATED THAT AS A PRIOR CONDITION FOR SUPPORTING A COOPERATIVELY FUNDED NATO STOCK, THERE MUST BE AN AGREED PROGRAM FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE 30-DAY STOCKAGE LEVEL BY ALL NATIONS INVOLVED. WE BELIEVE THE TIME-PHASED PROGRAM FOR ATTAINMENT OF THESE STOCKS MUST CONTINUE TO RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY, AN EVALUATION WHICH SEEMS TO BE BORNE OUT BY THE US INPUT ASSIGNMENT OF "HIGH" PRIORITY TO ATTAINMENT OF 30-DAY LEVELS AND ONLY "MEDIUM" PRIORITY TO NATO COMMAND RESERVE STOCKPILE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEPARATE REGIONAL PROGRAMS WITH DIFFERENT PRIORITIES MAY

BE AN ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT GENERALLY
RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIORITY FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF 30-DAY
STOCKAGE BE LOWERED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE IN COMMENTS LISTED ABOVE
PRIOR TO RELEASING US INPUTS TO NATO WITH APPROPRIATE
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